(Rs. in crore)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10.	Karnataka	1352.13	39.78	249.95	17.09	435.83	Nil	736.09	**
11.	Kerala	1499.63	Nil	79.56	Nil	200.00	*	551.76	**
12.	Madhya Pradesh	251.34	Nil	556.88	38.86	795.42#	57.72	Nil	
13.	Maharashtra	152.26	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	500.00	**
14.	Manipur	Nil	Nil	24.00	4.93	Nil	Nil	Nil	
15.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	22.13	1.00	Nil	
16.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	35.08	6.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	
17.	Orissa	445.59	Nil	7143.54	828.15	443.95	49.62	401.18	**
18.	Punjab	1140.60	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
19.	Rajasthan	959.62	21.98	1144.40	102.93	2367.80	113.97	Nil	
20.	Sikkim	141.41	7.67	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
21.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
22.	Tripura	30.11	5.05	158.80	5.34	Nil	Nil	Nil	
23.	Uttar Pradesh	2254.30	131.15	339.55	16.68	Nil	Nil	Nil	
24.	West Bengal	804.43	66.33	750.38	29.52	1486.70	103.25		
	TOTAL:	13671.38	451.90	13234.88	1291.04	27006.01	2081.01	2314.03	

NOTE: During 1998-99, Rs. 10.20 crore to Karnataka and Rs. 35.00 crore to Madhya Pradesh were released in response to the Memoranda received during 1997-98.

*No Central Team was deputed as calamity was *prima facie* not considered to be of sever nature.

**Under consideration.

#Includes requirement of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

Assistance for Natural Disaster to Karnataka

1392. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal submitted by the Karnataka Government for Central assistance for natural disaster has been pending for a long time; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Government of Karnataka recently submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund

(NCCF) in the wake of drought and an Inter-Ministerial Central Team is visiting the State from 31st July, 2001 to 3rd August, 2001 for assessment of the situation.

(b) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) during 1998-99 to 2000-01, assistance amounting to Rs. 49.98 crore during 1998-99 and Rs. 17.09 crore during 1999-2000, from National Fund for Calamity Relief were released to the State, in the wake of natural calamities.

Coconut Prices

1393. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether coconut is sold for Rs. 2/- in Kerala and Goa, for Rs. 9/- in Mumbai and Rs. 10/- in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the producer gets such a little price, and for which the consumer is paying so much price;

(c) why is coconut sold at five times the price of buying;

(d) whether Government have any plans to regulate the prices of coconut so that the producer gets better price and the buyer gets relief while buying coconut; and

(e) if so, the details of such measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The prices of coconut varied between Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 4.00 per nut in July, 2001 in Goa and Kerala; while in Mumbai and Delhi it was between Rs. 7 to Rs. 7.50 per nut in 2000-2001 season.

The difference in prices between Goa and Kerala, the producing areas, and Mumbai and Delhi, the consuming centers are due to labour charges, storage/warehousing, transportation, local and state taxes, interest on working capital, cost of holding stocks, wastages and other incidental charges.

(d) and (e) In order to give price advantage to both the consumers and coconut growers, coconut has been covered under the Minimum